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Bills of health were issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
Apr. 10	Canada	8	0	0	0
12	Utstein	16	1	0	0
14	Imperator	18	6	0	0

NORFOLK ISLAND.

Mortality and health conditions during year 1904—Increase of tubercular diseases.

Consular Agent Robinson reports, March 1, as follows:

During the year 1904 the general health of the island was good. There was a slight epidemic of dysentery at the Melanesian Mission at the beginning of the year, and also of influenza on the island.

Tubercular diseases, especially of the lungs, are unfortunately becoming more prevalent. The deaths were 12 in number, and of these 7 were caused by pulmonary phthisis.

Population: The population of the island on December 31, 1904, was 1,034.

Meteorological conditions: The temperature ranged from 75° in February to 54° in August, the highest and lowest. Rain fell on 154 days, gauging 53.45 inches. Winds were easterly 180 days, westerly 186 days.

PANAMA.

Reports from Colon—Inspection of vessels—Passenger traffic on fruit vessels—Mortality—Quarantine against Colon imposed by Jamaica and Costa Rica.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Mohr reports, April 10 and 12, as follows:

During the week ended April 8, 1905, the following vessels cleared for ports in the United States and were granted bills of health:

British steamship *Mantinea*, for a port in the United States via Santiago, Cuba, April 2, with 23 crew and no passengers.

American steamship *Seguranca*, for New York, April 5, with 70 crew and 135 passengers.

Norwegian steamship *Preston*, for New Orleans via Bocas del Toro, April 6, with 35 crew and 30 passengers.

British steamship *Teaan*, for Galveston via Jamaica and Mexican ports, with 45 crew and no passengers.

American steamship *City of Washington*, for New York, April 8, with 61 crew and 18 passengers.

The living quarters of the British steamship *Mantinea*, bound for Santiago, Cuba, were fumigated prior to sailing from this port by the quarantine officer of Colon.

The steamers of the United Fruit Company, plying between this port and New Orleans via Bocas del Toro, are, with the consent of the Louisiana State board of health, taking passengers from this port since the close season began. These vessels discharge cargo here and then